

SEC. 2. The reclassifications of the lands of the Hermiston Irrigation District and the West Extension Irrigation District of the Umatilla project, Oregon, made in accordance with the provisions of section 8 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 and approved by the boards of directors of the irrigation districts, are approved. The Secretary, upon execution of said contracts, is authorized to charge off as a permanent loss to the reclamation fund all costs of the Umatilla project except the amounts provided for return to the United States in the contracts approved in section 1 of this Act or in other outstanding contracts, but no adjustment shall be made by the United States by reason thereof with any individual by way of refund of or credit on sums heretofore paid, repaid, returned, or due or payable to the United States.

Approved June 18, 1954.

Land reclassification.

43 USC 485g.

## Public Law 405

## CHAPTER 309

### AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the transportation and distribution of mails on motor-vehicle routes", approved July 11, 1940 (54 Stat. 756).

June 18, 1954  
[S. 2773]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the transportation and distribution of mails on motor-vehicle routes", approved July 11, 1940 (54 Stat. 756), is hereby amended by striking out that part which precedes the first proviso and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following: "The Postmaster General is authorized to use Government-owned motor vehicles or contract for carrying the mails and postal transportation clerks on routes between points where, in his judgment, conditions justify the operation of such service in motor vehicles especially designed and equipped for the distribution of mail en route:".

Approved June 18, 1954.

Postal service.  
Motor-vehicle  
routes.

39 USC 505.

## Public Law 406

## CHAPTER 310

### AN ACT

To authorize the transmission and disposition by the Secretary of the Interior of electric energy generated at Falcon Dam on the Rio Grande.

June 18, 1954  
[S. 3090]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the electric power and energy generated at Falcon Dam, an international storage reservoir project constructed on the Rio Grande pursuant to the treaty of February 3, 1944, between the United States and Mexico (Treaty Series 994), which is made available to the United States under the provisions of said treaty and under such special agreements as may be concluded between the two Governments pursuant to the provisions of said treaty and not required in the operation of such international project, all as determined by the Commissioner of the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) who shall transmit and dispose of such power and energy in such manner as to encourage the most widespread use thereof at the lowest possible rates to consumers consistent with sound business principles, the rate schedules to become effective upon confirmation and

Falcon Dam.  
Transmission  
and disposition of  
electric energy.

59 Stat. 1219.